



## GROVELAND POST ADOPTS A UNIT

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**NOVEMBER 23, 2004**

The Michigan State Police Groveland Post is "adopting" the 2<sup>ND</sup>/425 LRS Unit of the 202<sup>nd</sup> Battalion of the U.S. Army National Guard for Christmas this year. These soldiers, who were activated in 2003, are currently stationed in an undisclosed location in Iraq, and will be separated from their families during the holidays for the 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year. Sgt. Andrew Knapp, who normally serves as one of our own Michigan State Troopers, is among those in the unit, now serving all our nation's citizens with his unit. Tpr. Knapp's wife, Dana, eagerly awaits his return to their home in Rose Township. At this time, it is unknown when this group of dedicated men and women will be able to return home to their families.

For their faithful service, the Groveland Post will send a "care-pack" conveying our gratitude in time for Christmas. The community can support our troops by making a short holiday video message to be made into a DVD greeting for the soldiers to enjoy. The Fenton Wal-Mart Store has donated a portable DVD player to send for this purpose. We are also asking citizens and local businesses to donate new, unopened DVD movies to entertain the soldiers during their down time. We also encourage cards and letters of cheer from schools, churches, and others wishing to express their thanks. Other gift ideas are as follows:

Antibacterial wipes, insect repellent  
Paper, pens, envelopes, postage stamps  
Phone cards, disposable cameras  
Combs, lip balm, eye drops, Q-tips, nail clippers  
nuts

Coffee, instant and regular, and filters  
Magazines (Men's Health, Sports Illust., etc.)  
Sports stuff (baseballs & gloves, footballs, frisbees)  
Batteries AA & AAA (also rechargeable w/chargers)  
Other food items that are lightweight and won't melt in the heat

Antifungal foot powder - flip flops - Odor Eaters  
Deodorant, baby powder, lotion, aftershave  
Sun screen, razors, Band Aids, cough drops  
Cereal/granola bars, beef jerky, canned chips &

Decent can openers  
Hand-held video games  
Battery operated CD players/Music CDs  
Cigars/chewing tobacco

*\*Please - no aerosol cans*

We are also asking for donations of pre-paid "Flat-rate" shipping boxes from the U. S. Post office, (\$7.70 each). You may drop off your items at the **Michigan State Police - Groveland Post, P.O. Box 29, 14645 Dixie Hwy, Holly, MI 48442** (at the corner of Grange Hall and Dixie Hwy) no later than Friday, December 3, 2004 at 4:00pm. Regular hours are 8am to 4:00pm, but later deliveries may be dropped at the Groveland Township Fire Department, located in the same building.

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**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

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